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Customer No. : 23911

Title : A Process and Apparatus for Applying Rigidity Strips to a Foil Web

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 15, 2006,
Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, claims 29-37.

Applicants submit, however, that the restriction requirement is improper. In particular, Applicants submit claims 20-27 should also be examined at this time. Indeed, independent claim 20 recites a process for making a foil web that includes several specific steps. These steps are also included in the provisionally elected claim 29 reciting an apparatus for performing the process. The Examiner's characterization and classification of the claims in the Office Action apparently did not factor into account the body of the claims, but appears to have relied only on the stated preamble.

In view of the above, Applicants submit claims 20-27 and 29-37 should be examined at this time. Similarly, independent claim 28 recites the apparatus in means plus function form. Hence, claim 28 should also be examined at this time.


For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit the restriction requirement is improperly set forth and that claims 20-37 should be examined at this time. An early notice to that effect is solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #029082.53319US).

Respectfully submitted,

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